

91st Legislative Session – 2016

Committee: Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources

Thursday, January 21, 2016

P - Present
E - Excused
A - Absent

Roll Call

P Frerichs
P Peterson (Jim)
P Ewing
P Jensen (Phil)
P Rampelberg
P Rusch
P Vehle
P Olson, Vice-Chair
P Cammack, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: See Original Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Senator Gary Cammack, Chair.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

Moved by: Frerichs
Second by: Rampelberg
Action: Prevailed by voice vote.

A Future Farmers of America team from Lennox, South Dakota, delivered their state winning presentation, in the area of agricultural issues, to the committee. They discussed the pros and cons of labeling foods for the presence of genetically modified organisms (GMO's).

Lucas Lentsch, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, introduced key department staff. He provided the committee with an overview of the Department of Agriculture, reviewing the department mission and organization, divisions and programs, 2016 budget, and department sponsored legislation. He highlighted program successes and discussed various ag issues. He and Greg Josten, State Forester, responded to committee questions.

Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, DVM, State Veterinarian, provided an overview of the Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (ADRDL) at South Dakota State University. He reviewed existing plans for upgrading the facility and responded to committee questions.

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Olson
Second by: Vehle
Action: Prevailed by voice vote.

Rena Ortbahn
Committee Secretary

Gary Cammack, Chair